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SUBJECT: SOVIET UNION PRESSING GUYANESE TO SPEARHEAD NON-ALIGNED
INITIATIVES ON EGYPT AND KOREA

1. AT SOCIAL FUNCTION EVENING APRIL 29 GOG FONMIN FRED WILLS
TOOK ME ASIDE TO REPORT HIS DISPLEASURE WITH THE SOVIET UNION'S
FIRST RESIDENT AMBASSADOR VLADIMIR KOTENEV, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED
FROM TAKING AN UNEXPLAINED BREATHING IN CARACAS ONLY A FEW WEEKS
AFTER PRESENTING HIS CREDENTIALS. WILLS SAID KOTENEV WAS UNHAPPY
OVER DIFFICULTY IN FINDING ADEQUATE OFFICE AND QUARTERS FOR HIS
EXPANDED STAFF AND ALLEGED THAT KOTENEV CHIDED HIM ABOUT SEEING ME
SO OFTEN. HE SAID KOTENEV INSISTED UPON SEEING HIM THIS MORNING
BEFORE WILLS AFTERNOON DEPARTURE FOR NAIROBI. WILLS PHONED ME AT
1100 AFTER KOTENEV HAD DEPARTED TO REPORT THE FOLLOWING.

2. WILLS SAID KOTENEV FIRST LAUNCHED INTO LENGTHY TIRADE AGAINST
EGYPT WHOSE RECENT BEHAVIOR TOWARD USSR HE REGARDED AS THE ULTIMATE
PERFIDY. ACCORDING TO WILLS THE SOVIET UNION IS ASKING GOG TO
SPEARHEAD A DRIVE WITHIN THE NAM TO OSTRACIZE EGYPT. WILLS SAID
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HE HAD SUGGESTED THIS WOULD REQUIRE FURTHER REFLECTION BY GOG AND

SUGGESTED KOTENEV RAISE IT WITH HIM AGAIN ON WILLS
RETURN IN MID-MAY.

3. SECOND ITEM ON KOTENEV'S AGENDA WAS TO ASK WHETHER GOG WOULD BE
WILLING TO HOST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON REUNIFICATION OF
KOREA. KOTENEV ALLEGED A PREVIOUS CONFERENCE HAD BEEN HELD IN
PERU. AGAIN, WILLS ASKED HIM TO HOLD OFF UNTIL HE RETURNS TO
GEORGETOWN.

4. COMMENT: KOTENEV HAS ALREADY MADE SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE
IMPRESSION WILLS, AND I BELIEVE UPON OTHER GUYANESE OFFICIALS.
HE REMINDS ME OF THE HEAVY AND SOMEWHAT OILY SOVIET DIPLOMAT
TYPES ONE USED TO ENCOUNTER IN THE 50'S AS OPPOSED TO THE NEW
BREED OF THE LATE 60'S AND 70'S WHO SEEM TO BE MORE HUMAN AND
OUTGOING. IN ANY EVENT, IT IS APPARENT THAT THE KREMLIN IS WASTING
NO TIME IN USING ITS RESIDENT MISSION HERE TO BRING PRESSURE ON
THE GUYANESE EVEN BEFORE OFFERING ANY QUID PRO QUO IN THE WAY
OF ECONOMIC OR OTHER ASSISTANCE
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